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SUBJECT: EGYPT APPREHENSIVE OVER YEMENI DEVELOPMENTS

SUMMARY: EGYPTIAN PRESS GLOOMILY FORESEES INCREASING  
SOVIET INFLUENCE IN PDRY AND COMPLAINS THAT SOVIETS HAVE  
SHIFTED CONFLICT IN HORN TO EAST COAST OF RED SEA. AL-  
THOUGH LARGELY OVERTAKEN BY STARTLING EVENTS IN PDRY,  
YAR REQUEST TO AL SEC GEN RESULTS IN CALL FOR EMERGENCY  
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AL COUNCIL MEETING AT FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL TO INVE-  
STIGATE GHASHMI ASSASSINATION. EGYPTIANS, AND SADAT IN  
PARTICULAR, LIKELY TO BE DEEPLY APPREHENSIVE OVER ANOTHER  
PRO-MOSCOW COUP COMING ON HEELS OF AFGHAN EVENTS.  
ALTHOUGH EGYPTIANS REALIZE THAT YEMENS NOW PRIMARILY  
SAUDI RESPONSIBILITY, GOE WILL WANT TO DO SOMETHING TO  
REDUCE IMPACT OF ABD AL FATTAH ISMAIL VICTORY IN ADEN,

AND PERHAPS ALSO IN SANA. END SUMMARY.

1. BOTH AHAM AND AKHBAR JUNE 27 CARRY BANNER HEADLINES REPORTING EXECUTION OF SALIM RUBAYYI ALI IN ADEN. EDITORIALS GLOOMILY FORESEE INCREASING SOVIET INFLUENCE IN PDY. REPORTING OF DEMISE OF SALIM RUBAYYI RELATIVELY STRAIGHTFORWARD AND GLEANED FROM WIRE SERVICE ACCOUNTS, WHICH AGREE THAT ABD AL FATTAH ISMAIL NEW PDY STRONGMAN DESPITE APPOINTMENT OF ALI NASIR AS PRESIDENT.

2. FRONT PAGE "NEWS ANALYSIS" IN AHAM OPINES THAT ADEN COUP HAS "DONE AWAY WITH REMAINING HOPE IN SOUTH YEMEN FOR A BALANCED POLICY, BOTH ON INTERNAL LEVEL AND IN RELATIONS WITH YAR." AHAM SEES COUP AS "FREEING SOVIET HAND" IN SOUTH YEMEN AND "SHIFTING CONFLICT IN AFRICAN HORN TO EAST COAST OF RED SEA AND SOUTHERN REACHES OF ARABIAN PENINSULA." AHAM PREDICTS MORE TENSION IN AREA AS RESULT OF VICTORY OF PDY "EXTREMISTS."

3. AKHBAR EDITORIAL ATTRIBUTES ALL RECENT YEMENI DEVELOPMENTS TO "MARXIST PRESENCE IN SOUTH YEMEN WHICH HAS TURNED THAT COUNTRY INTO SOVIET BASE SERVING MARXIST AND COMMUNIST PURPOSES." AKHBAR PREDICTED "THAT YEMEN WILL NOT FALL AN EASY PREY TO MARXIST DESIGNS" NOR CAN SOVIETS TURN YEMENS INTO MARXIST BASE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGAINST ARAB AND AFRICAN WORLDS.

4. ALTHOUGH LARGELY OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS, CAIRO DAILIES REPORT YAR REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING TO DISCUSS ASSASSINATION OF YAR PRESIDENT GHASHMI. YAR AL REP MUSTAFA YAQUB MET JUNE 26 WITH AL SEC GEN RIAD AND INVITATIONS ISSUED SAME DAY FOR EMERGENCY SESSION IN CAIRO AT FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL. AL BYLAWS REQUIRE RESPONSE TO SUCH EMERGENCY REQUEST WITHIN FIVE DAYS AND AHAM PREDICTED THAT EMERGENCY MEETING COULD GET UNDERWAY BY JULY 1. IF PDY DOES NOT SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO EMERGENCY MEETING TO DEFEND ADEN AGAINST CHARGES OF COMPLICITY IN GHASHMI ASSASSINATION, YAR REP WILL STATE SANA CASE AND INVESTIGATIVE COMMISSION WILL BE FORMED TO VISIT BOTH ADEN AND SANA. AHAM ARTICLE QUOTES YAR FONMIN ASNAG IN SANA THAT TAPES OF SALIM RUBAYYI ALI-GHASHMI TELEPHONE CONVERSATION AND TESTIMONY OF PDY DC-3 CREW WILL BE INTRODUCED AS EVIDENCE. ASNAG COMMENTED THAT YAR INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE WILL HAVE COMPLETED ITS REPORT WITHIN "FEW DAYS" AND WILL MAKE ITS FINDINGS AVAILABLE TO AL INVESTIGATORS.

5. COMMENT: WHILE THERE CLEAR NOTE OF ALARM OVER  
VICTORY OF SOVIET PROTEGE ABD AL FATTAH, EGYPTIAN  
PRESS SEES YAR AND PDRY SITUATION AS STILL TOO CON-  
FUSED FOR DEFINITIVE ASSESSMENT OF LONGER TERM  
CONSEQUENCES. HOWEVER, EGYPTIANS--AND PARTICULARLY

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PRO-MOSCOW COUP COMING ON HEELS OF AFGHAN EVENTS, GOE  
RECOGNIZES THAT YEMENS TODAY (VICE 1962) PRIMARILY  
A SAUDI CONCERN AND SAUDI REACTION WILL IN PART DETER-  
MINE GOE RESPONSE TO DEVELOPMENTS. PREVIOUS EGYPTIAN  
POLICY VIS-A-VIS PDRY HAD BEEN BASED ON SUPPORTING  
SALIM RUBAYYI AGAINST SOVIET-BACKED FACTION LED BY  
ABD AL FATTAH. WITH THIS STRATEGY IN SHAMBLES, AND

MODERATE COURSE IN YAR UNDER RENEWED THREAT FROM RE-  
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NASCENT "PROGRESSIVES," EGYPTIANS WILL WANT TO DO  
SOMETHING. EILTS

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